STATE OF CALIFORNIA CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

PERMIT FOR DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER

PERMIT 21169

Application 31302 of

Donald A. Sorenson 31242 Willow Pond Lane Coarsegold, CA 93614

filed on **March 7, 2002**, has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) SUBJECT TO PRIOR RIGHTS and to the limitations and conditions of this permit.

Permittee is hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

ary to:
egold Creek thence
o River thence
oaquin River

within the County of Madera

Location of point of diversion

By California Coordinate System of 1927 in Zone 3	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
Willow Pond SE¼ of SE¼ Onstream Reservoir; North 256,650 feet and East 2,240,650 feet		28	85	21E	MD

3. Purpose of use	4. Place of use	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
Recreation						
Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement	SE¼ of SE¼	28	88	21E	MD	
	NE¼ of NE¼	33	88	21E	MD	

The place of use is shown on map on file with the SWRCB.

5. **Quantity - Storage, single**. The water appropriated shall be limited to the quantity which can be beneficially used and shall not exceed 6 acre-feet per annum to be collected from December 15 of each year to April 30 of the succeeding year

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6. **Amount - Storage Multiple filings on Reservoir**. The total quantity of water collected to storage under this permit and permit 20877 (Application 29887) shall not exceed 26 acre-feet per year.

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7. **Complete Construction and Use**. Complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be made by December 31, 2014.

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8. **Duplication of Existing Rights**. During the season specified in this permit, the total quantity and rate of water diverted, stored, and used under this permit and under permittee's claimed existing right for the place of use specified in the permit shall not exceed the quantity and rate of diversion, storage, and use, respectively, specified in this permit. If the permittee's claimed existing right is quantified at some later date as a result of an adjudication or other legally binding proceeding, the quantity and rate of diversion, storage, and use allowed under this permit shall be the net of the face value of the permit less the amounts of water available under the existing right.

Permittee shall forfeit all rights under this permit if permittee transfers all or any part of the claimed existing right for the place of use covered by this permit to another place of use without the prior approval of the SWRCB.

Permittee shall take and use water under the existing right claimed by permittee only in accordance with law.

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9. **Limited Storage - Nonconsumptive Uses**. After the initial filling of the storage reservoirs, permittee's right under this permit extends only to water necessary to keep the reservoirs full by replacing water lost by evaporation and seepage and to refill if emptied for necessary maintenance or repair. Such right shall be exercised only during the authorized diversion season.

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- 10. **Continuing Authority Reduction in Storage**. This permit is subject to the continuing authority of the SWRCB to reduce the amount of water named in the permit upon a finding by the Board that the amount is in excess of that reasonably needed to be held in storage for the authorized use. No action will be taken by the Board without prior notice to the owner and an opportunity for hearing.

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 - 11. Bypass Facility. When directed by the SWRCB, permittee shall install a bypass facility that will bypass water that is not authorized for appropriation under this permit. Within six months of a SWRCB notice, permittee shall submit plans of the bypass for the review of the Chief of the Division of Water Rights and shall install a bypass facility that is acceptable to the Division of Water Rights (Division). Permittee shall submit evidence that the facility has been installed. Evidence shall include photographs showing completed works or certification by a registered Civil or Agricultural Engineer.

ALL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. The amount authorized for appropriation may be reduced in the license if investigation warrants. (0000006)
- B. Progress reports shall be submitted promptly by permittee when requested by the SWRCB until a license is issued.

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C. Permittee shall allow representatives of the SWRCB and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by said SWRCB, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this permit.

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D. Pursuant to California Water Code sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of SWRCB in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the SWRCB may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this permit with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of permittee without unreasonable draft on the source. Permittee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this permit and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

The continuing authority of the SWRCB also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the permittee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

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E. The quantity of water diverted under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto is subject to modification by the SWRCB if, after notice to the permittee and an opportunity for hearing, the SWRCB finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

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F. This permit does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. sections 1531 to 1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this water right, the permittee shall obtain authorization for an incidental take prior to construction or operation of the project. Permittee shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the project authorized under this permit.

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G. Permittee shall maintain records of the amount of water diverted and used to enable the State Water Resources Control Board to determine the amount of water that has been applied to beneficial use pursuant to Water Code Section 1605.

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H. No work shall commence and no water shall be diverted, stored or used under this permit until a copy of a stream or lake alteration agreement between the State Department of Fish and Game and the permittee is filed with the Division of Water Rights. Compliance with the terms and conditions of the agreement is the responsibility of the permittee. If a stream or lake agreement is not necessary for this permitted project, the permittee shall provide the Division of Water Rights a copy of a waiver signed by the State Department of Fish and Game.

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This permit is issued and permittee takes it subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:

Section 1390. A permit shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code), but no longer.

Section 1391. Every permit shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a permit is issued takes it subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1392. Every permittee, if he accepts a permit, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any permittee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

Victoria A. Whitney, Chief Division of Water Rights

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Dated: January 20, 2005